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SUBJECT: POLAND' S POSITION ON ICELAND' S FISHING ZONE

1. THE POLISH DAILY ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON MAY 31 REPORTED A MEETING OF MINISTER OF SHIPPING SZOPA WITH FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS (DATE UNSPECIFIED) AT WHICH SZOPA RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM THE REUTERS CORRESPONDENT CONCERNING POLAND' S POSITION WITH REGARD TO ICELAND' S DECISION TO EXTEND ITS FISHING ZONE TO 50 MILES.

2. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM SZOPA' S REMARKS MAY BE OF INTEREST:

A. " POLAND DOES NOT APPROVE-- AS TO THE PRINCIPLE ITSLEF-- UNILATERAL DECISIONS OF ANY STATE, INCLUDING ICELAND, TO EXTEND THE FISHING ZONE BEYOND THE 12- MILE BELT ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. THE TENDENCY TO EXPAND THIS ZONE IS CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF MANKIND, WHICH SUFFERS THE EFFECTS OF PROTIEIN DEFICIENCY IN A SITUATION WHERE STATES EXTENDING THE ZONE OF FISH CONSERVATION BEYOND THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY CONVENTIONS ARE OFTEN INCAPABLE OF EXPLOITING THE FISH RESOURCES."

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B. IN THE CASE OF ICELAND, SZOPA IS QUOTED AS SAYING, POLAND WITHDREW ITS FISHING BOATS FROM THE " WATERS QUESTIONED BY THE ICELANDIC SIDE." THIS POSITION, HE SAID, ARISES FROM " AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION OF ICELAND, FOR WHOM THE RICHES OF THE SEA ARE THE CHIEF SOURCE OF HERE EXPORT. BESIDES THAT, POLAND DOES NOT SEE A NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFLICT." SZOPA, AFTER COMMENTING THAT THE POSITION OF POLAND HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE, SAID, " THE MATTER OF ICELAND' S DECISION REMAINS OPEN AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF POLISH- ICELANDIC TALKS ."

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